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## **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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### **September 20**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, on the North Portico, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted President Alvaro Uribe Velez of Colombia.

### **September 21**

In the evening, the President had separate telephone conversations with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., and President Hu Jintao of China to discuss the financial markets situation.

### **September 22**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to New York City, NY, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Joey Rizzolo, Jr.

Later in the afternoon, the President traveled to Colts Neck, NJ, where, at a private residence, he attended a Lance-Myers New Jersey Trust reception. Later, he traveled to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, NY.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a U.S. heads of state reception.

The President declared a major disaster in Mississippi and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Hurricane Gustav from August 28 to September 8.

### **September 23**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Paulson, Jr., to discuss the financial markets situation. Later, he traveled to the United Nations Headquarters.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to the Millennium UN Plaza Hotel, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Governors Island, where they participated in a photo opportunity with dissidents. Later, they returned to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

In the evening, the President traveled to the United Nations Headquarters, where he met with Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of the United Nations. Later, he returned to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

### **September 24**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to the Council of the Americas, where he participated in a meeting on free trade with Western Hemisphere leaders. Later, he and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Republican Presidential nominee John McCain to discuss the suspension of his political campaign and the financial markets situation. He also had a telephone conversation with Democrat Presidential nominee Barack Obama.

The President announced his intention to nominate Michael S. Doran to be Assistant Secretary of State (International Information Programs).

The President announced his intention to nominate John Grasty Crews II to be Inspector General of the Small Business Administration.

The President announced his intention to appoint Duane R. Roberts, Donald J. Hall, Jr., and Joan Hotchkis as members of the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

The President announced his intention to designate Elizabeth Johnson as Acting Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety.

**September 25**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a bill signing ceremony for S. 3406, the ADA Amendments Act of 2008. Then, also in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity and met with leaders of the Orthodox Union.

In the evening, in the Old Family Dining Room, the President had dinner with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Viktor Yushchenko of Ukraine to the White House on September 29.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul A. Quander, Jr., to be Director of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia.

The President announced his intention to nominate F. Chase Hutto III to be Assistant Secretary of Energy (International Affairs and Domestic Policy).

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board: Mark D. Abkowitz; Thure E. Cerling; David J. Duquette; and Ronald M. Latanision.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Council on the Arts: Chas Fagan; JoAnn Falletta; Lee Greenwood; and Barbara Ernst Prey.

The President announced his intention to designate Karthik Ramanathan as Acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Financial Markets).

**September 26**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met separately with President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan and Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Republican Leader John A. Boehner to discuss the financial markets situation.

In the evening, in the Thomas Jefferson Building at the Library of Congress, the President and Mrs. Bush attended the 2008 National Book Festival Gala performance and dinner.

The President declared a major disaster in Alabama and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding associated with Hurricane Ike from September 12–14.

The President declared a major disaster in Alaska and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from July 27–August 6.

The President announced his intention to nominate Irvin Mayfield as a member of the National Council on the Arts.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**


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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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**Submitted September 26**

John Grasty Crews II,  
of New Mexico, to be Inspector General,  
Small Business Administration, vice Eric M.  
Thorson.

Michael S. Doran,  
of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary  
of State (International Information Pro-  
grams), vice John Stern Wolf.

Chas Fagan,  
of North Carolina, to be a member of the  
National Council on the Arts for a term expir-  
ing September 3, 2014, vice Jerry Pinkney,  
term expired.

JoAnn Falletta,  
of New York, to be a member of the National  
Council on the Arts for the remainder of the  
term expiring September 3, 2012, vice  
Foreststorn Hamilton.